IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 3, 12, 14, 16, 20, 22-26 and 28 in accordance with the following:

1.   (CANCELLED)

2.   (CANCELLED)

3.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method in a commodity sale transaction via a network, the method comprising:

displaying objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by commodities on a user's terminal;

preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between the objects of use and necessary specifications required to attain for the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user via the terminal from the table based on said correspondence, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of the commodities;

retrieving the commodities based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

displaying, on the terminal, information on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of specifications corresponding to the at least one object of use selected by the user.

4.   (ORIGINAL) The commodity retrieval method according to claim 3, wherein the network is Internet.

5-11   (CANCELLED)

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